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LC Devices

Connecting the Hardware and Triggering Data Acquisition

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Preface

About This Guide

This guide describes how to hardwire an Agilent® 1100 Series LC to a Thermo Scientific mass spectrometer and the data system computer, configure an Agilent autosampler for contact closure from within the Xcalibur Instrument Configuration program, and trigger data collection with an Agilent autosampler.

This guide also describes how to upgrade a Hewlett-Packard® 1100 Series LC to an Agilent 1100 Series LC with Ethernet communication.

Related Documentation

In addition to this guide, Thermo Fisher Scientific provides Help available from within the Xcalibur software.

Safety and Special Notices

Make sure you follow the precautionary statements presented in this guide. The safety and other special notices appear in boxes.

Safety and special notices include the following:



CAUTION Highlights hazards to humans, property, or the environment. Each CAUTION notice is accompanied by an appropriate CAUTION symbol.



CAUTION Highlights electric shock related hazards to human beings. Each electric shock notice is accompanied by the international High Voltage symbol.

IMPORTANT Highlights information necessary to prevent damage to software, loss of data, or invalid test results; or might contain information that is critical for optimal performance of the system.

Note Highlights information of general interest.

Tip Helpful information that can make a task easier.

Safety Precautions

To connect the Agilent 1100 Series LC stack to a Thermo Scientific mass spectrometer, you must install an external contact board in one of the Agilent modules and a LAN interface board in a second Agilent module. To install a board, you must remove the cover from the optional board slot. [Figure 2 on page 6](#) shows the location of the slot on the back panel of the detector.

Before you remove the slot cover from an Agilent 1100 Series module, do the following:

- Turn the power switch to the Off position and unplug the power cable.



CAUTION To avoid an electric shock, always turn off an Agilent module and unplug it from line power before you remove its cover.

- Refer to the Reference Manual for the module for additional safety information and for information on preventing ESD damage caused by an electrical discharge.



CAUTION To prevent damage to an instrument, always use ESD protection when handling electronic boards and components.

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Find software updates and utilities to download at www.mssupport.thermo.com.

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Agilent Modules Supported by LC Devices Versions 2.0.2 and 2.1.0

Table 1 lists the model number and firmware versions for the Agilent 1100 Series LC modules that are supported by the Xcalibur 2.0 and higher data system.

Table 1. Xcalibur 2.0 supported firmware versions for the Agilent 1100 Series LC

Module	Model Number	Firmware Version
Binary pump	G1312A	A.06.01 (012)
Quaternary pump	G1311A	A.06.01 (012)
Autosampler	G1313A	A.06.01 (012)
Thermostatted autosampler	G1329A	A.06.01 (012)
Well-plate autosampler	G1367A	A.06.01 (012)
Thermostatted column compartment	G1316A	A.06.01 (012)
Variable wavelength detector	G1314A	A.06.01 (012)
Diode-array detector	G1315A	A.06.01 (012)
Multiple wavelength detector*	G1365B	A.06.01 (012)

*Only works with version B of the Control Module.

❖ To check the firmware version of an Agilent 1100 module

1. Make sure that the Agilent 1100 Series modules are connected by CAN communication cables, that all the modules are turned on, and that the Agilent 1100 Control Module is connected.

Refer to the Agilent 1100 Series LC reference manuals for instructions on how to connect the CAN cables.

2. Press the Esc key on the Control Module until System appears in the upper-left corner of the LCD display.
3. Press the F4 key on the Control Module to access the Records LCD display.

Records						Time	Ready
Module	Product	Serial#	Version	On-time	EMF		

4. Check the firmware versions of the Agilent 1100 Series modules. Refer to [Table 1](#) for the firmware versions supported by the Xcalibur 2.0. and higher data system.

Connecting the Hardware

This chapter describes how to install the interface boards, connect the Ethernet cables, and make the contact closure connections required to control an LC/MS system (Agilent LC/Thermo scientific MS) system from Xcalibur.

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Ethernet Communication Kit

To connect an Agilent 1100 series HPLC to your Thermo Scientific MS detector, you must have the Ethernet Communication kit (P/N OPTON 30012), which contains the parts listed in [Table 2](#). In addition, one of the modules of the Agilent 1100 Series LC must have a JetDirect 400N LAN card (P/N 00825-01140) or an Agilent LAN interface board, model number G1369A.

Table 2. Ethernet Communication kit (P/N OPTON 30012)

Description	Part Number
Ethernet switch	00825-01-00024
PCB, contact closure, external contact interface	00012-27714
Cable, trigger external contact, 2-wire DB15	00012-27716
Cable, patch, 3 m (10 ft) CAT5 RJ45, straight shield	00012-70008

Installing a Network Card in an Agilent Module

For the Agilent LC system to communicate with the Xcalibur data system through an Ethernet connection, one of the modules in the Agilent 1100 Series LC stack must have a network interface card. If the stack has a detector, the card is usually installed in the detector.

Tip Vendors label network cards with a unique MAC address, which is a 12-digit hexadecimal number. The first portion of the MAC address identifies the vendor. The second portion of the MAC address is a unique serial number. For example, a typical mark on a network card is AD: 0030C1C49982, in which 0030C1C49982 is the stack MAC address. The first portion, 0030C1, identifies the vendor as Hewlett-Packard. The MAC address of the HP JetDirect 400N network card is located on the back of the card.

Because you need the MAC address when you configure the Agilent stack, record the network card MAC address before you install the card.

Agilent 1100 Series LC systems with JetDirect® network cards must have revision 2 mainboards to function properly with LAN communications. Table 3 shows the required revision level for each module. The serial number listed in the table and all serial numbers after that number are supported.

Table 3. Supported serial number

Module	P/N (Mainboard)	Serial Numbers for Supported Version *
G1310A Isocratic pump	G1311-65520	DE64300355 (made in Germany) US64400233 (made in U.S.A.)
G1311A Quaternary pump	G1311-65520	DE64301137 (made in Germany) US64401134 (made in U.S.A.)
G1312A Binary pump	G1312-65520	DE64300703 (made in Germany) US64400425 (made in U.S.A.)
G1313A ALS autosampler	G1313-65520	DE64302092 (made in Germany) US64400886 (made in U.S.A.)
G1314A Variable wavelength detector	G1314-65520	JP64201926 (made in Japan)
G1315A Diode array detector	G131-65520	DE64301532 (made in Germany) US64400333 (made in U.S.A.)

* All serial numbers above the listed number in numeric order are supported

❖ **To install the network interface card in an Agilent module**

1. Make sure the module (usually the detector) is turned off and unplugged from line power. [Figure 1](#) shows the location of the power switches.

When the power switch of a module is in the On position, the LED on the switch is green. When you turn the power switch of a module to the Off position, the LED turns off.

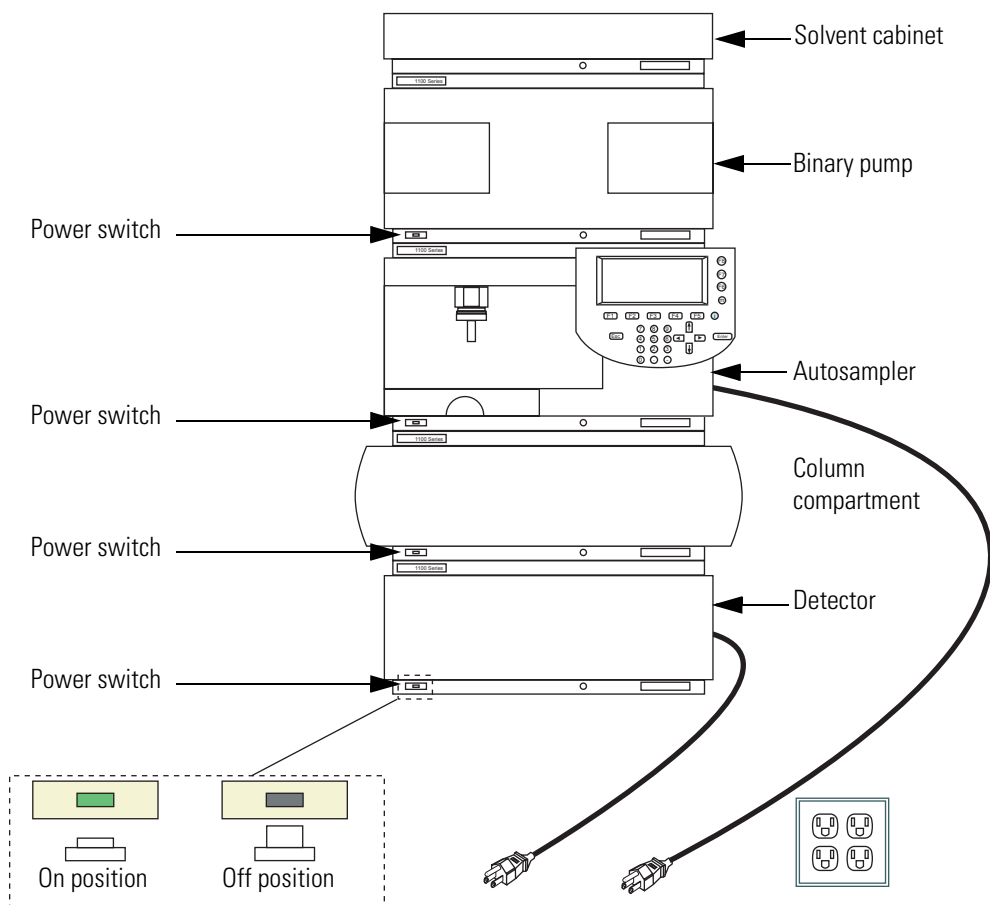
If your LC stack contains a detector (for example, diode-array detector, variable wavelength detector, multiple wavelength detector), install the network interface card in the detector. If your LC stack does not contain a detector, install the network card in any module with an open slot.



CAUTION To avoid electric shock, unplug the power cable that connects the Agilent module to line power. After you turn the power switch to the Off position, the power supply continues to draw current.

Tip You can install an Agilent LAN interface board (model G1369A) instead of a JetDirect 400N network card.

Figure 1. Front panels of the Agilent 1100 Series modules



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Installing a Network Card in an Agilent Module

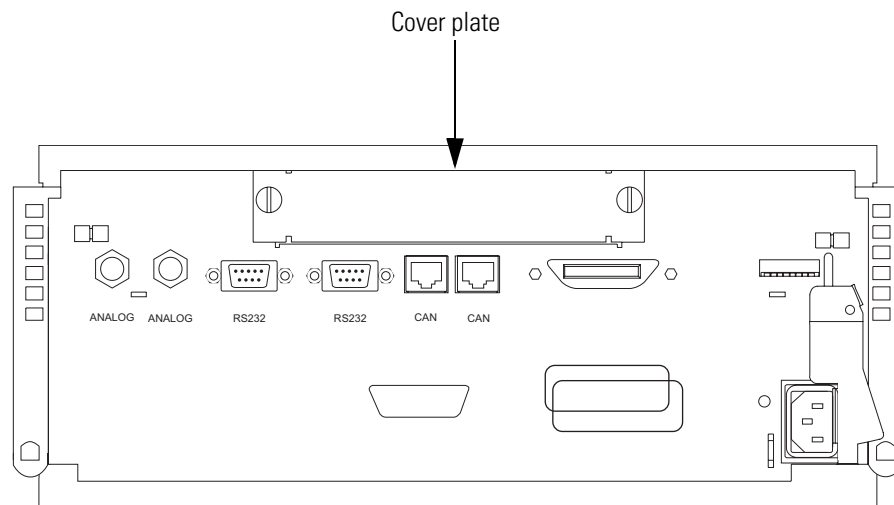
2. To prevent damage to the interface board, ensure that you are using ESD protection. For more information on preventing damage caused by an electric discharge, refer to the Reference Manual for the Agilent module.



CAUTION To prevent damage to an instrument, always use ESD protection when handling electronic boards and components.

3. To remove the cover plate from the slot where you plan to install the network interface card, loosen the two screws that fasten the plate to the chassis of the module. [Figure 2](#) shows the location of the cover plate on the back panel of an Agilent 1100 Series detector.

Figure 2. Back panel of an Agilent 1100 Series detector



4. Record the MAC address (12-digit hexadecimal number) located on the back of the HP JetDirect 400N network card. You will need this number to complete the configuration of the Agilent stack. See [Figure 6](#) on [page 12](#).
5. Insert the HP JetDirect 400N network card into the slot, and then tighten the two screws that fasten the PCB to the chassis of the module.

Connecting the Ethernet Communication Cables

❖ To connect the Ethernet communication cable to an Agilent 1100 Series LC

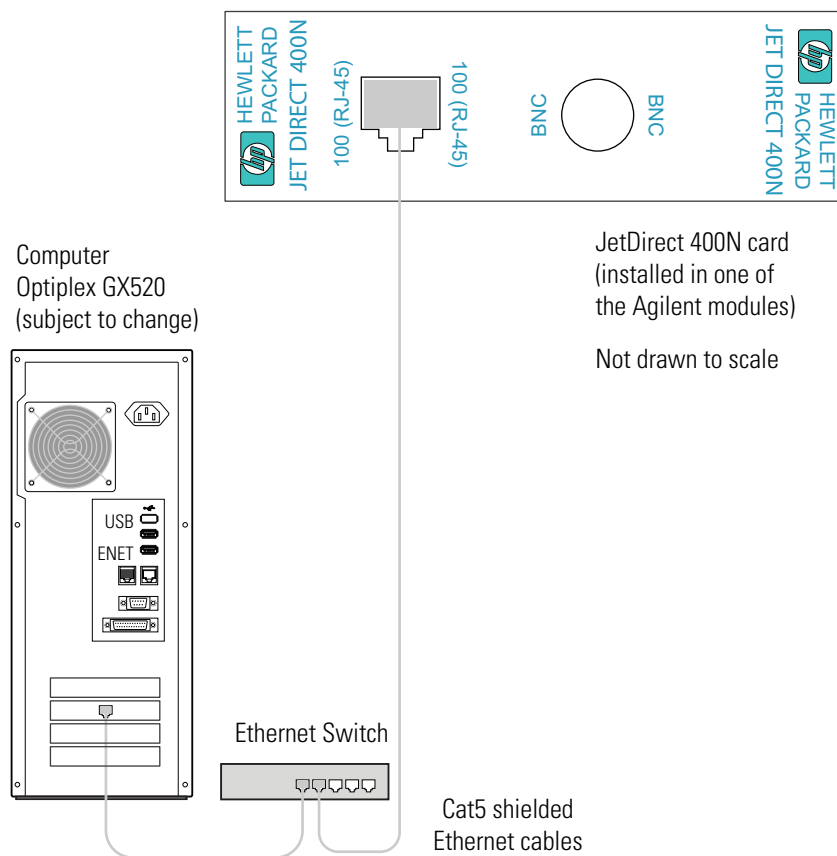
1. Connect a category 5, shielded Ethernet cable from the JetDirect 400N network card to the Ethernet switch.



CAUTION To comply with safety and EMC regulations, you must use category 5, shielded Ethernet cables to make the Ethernet connections for your instrument.

2. Connect a category 5, shielded Ethernet cable from the Ethernet switch to the Ethernet card in the computer dedicated to the LC system (typically network interface card number 3).

Figure 3. Ethernet connections



Installing the External Contact Interface Board

If your Agilent 1100 Series Autosampler is not already equipped with an external contact interface board, install one as described below.

❖ To install the external contact interface board

1. If you have not already done so, turn off the autosampler and unplug it from line power.



CAUTION To avoid electric shock, unplug the power cable that connects the Agilent module to line power. After you turn the power switch to the Off position, the power supply continues to draw current.

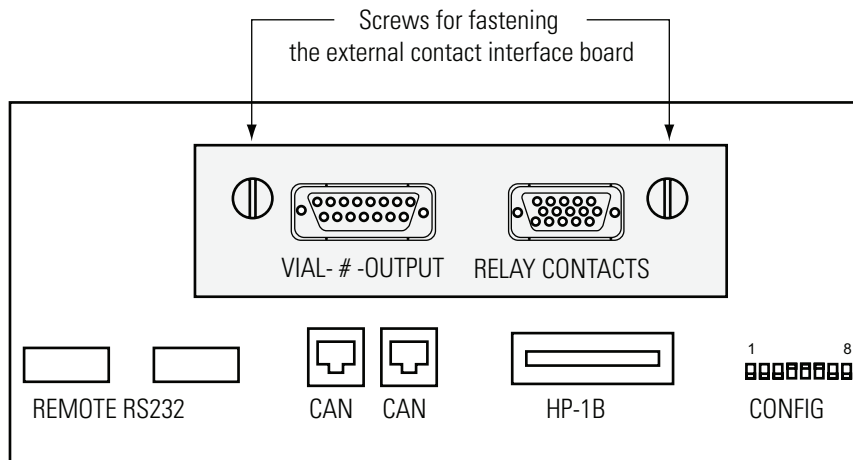
2. To prevent damage to the interface board, ensure that you are using ESD protection. For more information on preventing damage caused by an electric discharge, refer to the Reference Manual for the Agilent module.



CAUTION To prevent damage to an instrument, always use ESD protection when handling electronic boards and components.

3. To remove the cover plate from the slot where you plan to install the external contact interface board, loosen the two screws that fasten the plate to the chassis of the autosampler.
4. Insert the external contact interface board (see [Table 2](#) for the part number) into the slot, and then tighten the two screws to fasten the board to the chassis of the autosampler. See [Figure 4](#).

Figure 4. View of the external contact interface board installed in an Agilent 1100 Series autosampler



Connecting the Trigger Cable

A trigger cable with a DB15 connector relays the start signal from the autosampler to the MS detector.

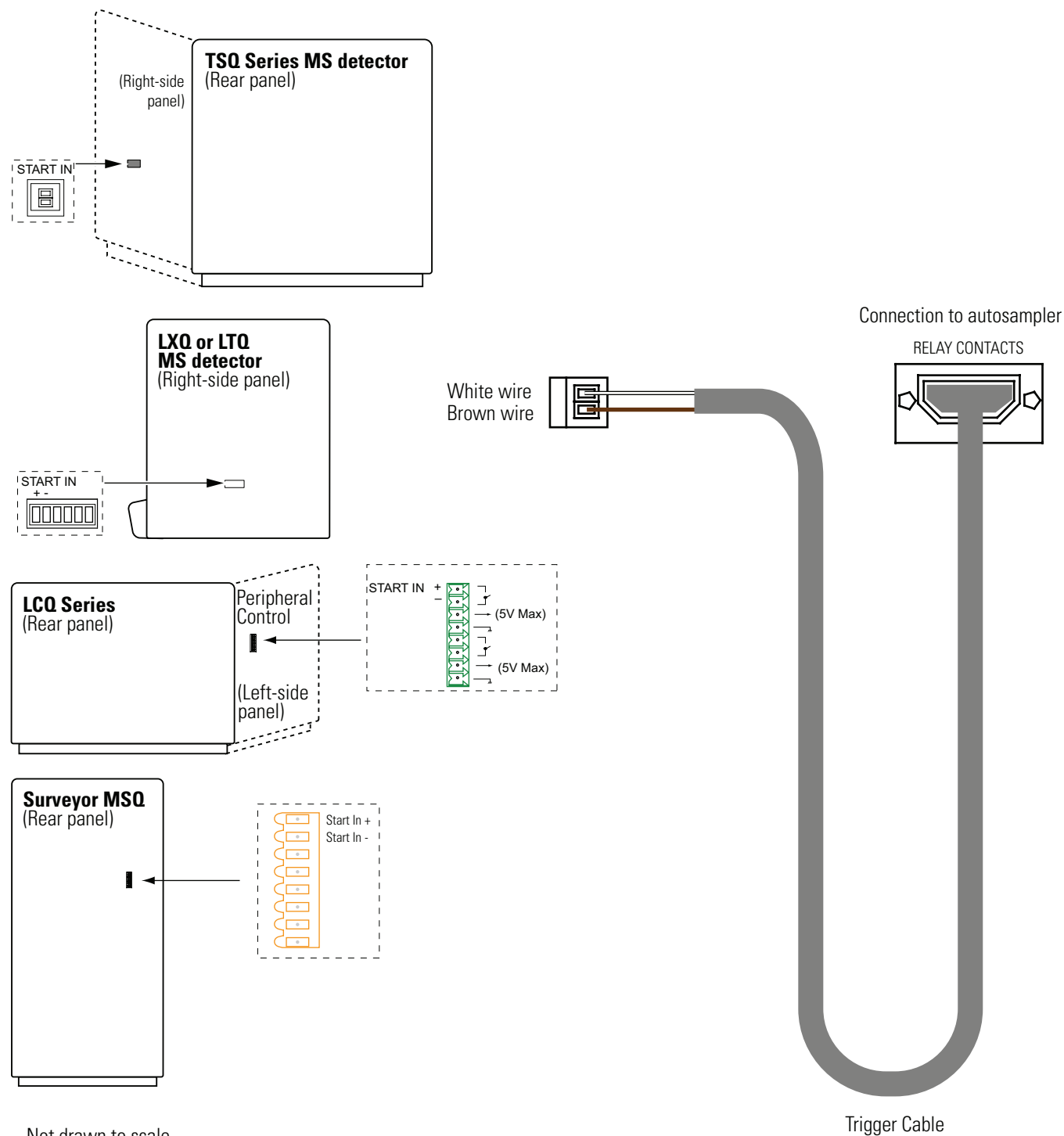
❖ **To connect the trigger cable to the Agilent autosampler and the MS detector**

1. If you have not already done so, install the external contact interface board as described in [“Installing the External Contact Interface Board.”](#)
2. Connect the 2-pin connector to the I/O panel of the MS detector, such that the white wire is connected to the Start In+ pin and the brown wire is connected to the Start In– pin.
3. Connect the DB15 connector to the RELAY CONTACTS receptacle located on the external contact interface board of the Agilent 1100 Series autosampler. See [Figure 5](#).

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Connecting the Trigger Cable

Figure 5. Connections for 2-wire, DB15 trigger cable



Configuring the Autosampler for Contact Closure

The Agilent 1100 Series devices query the PC for the stack IP address only during their start up procedure. Therefore, complete the following procedure, and ensure that the Xcalibur Home Page window is open before you turn on the Agilent 1100 Series devices.

❖ To assign contact closure control to the Agilent 1100 Series autosampler

1. Choose **Start > All Programs > Xcalibur > Instrument Configuration**.

The Instrument Configuration dialog box appears.



2. Scroll through the Available Devices area and double-click the **Agilent 1100 AS** button.

The Agilent 1100 AS button is copied to the Configured Devices area and is displayed as a Configured Devices button.

3. Double-click the **Agilent 1100 AS** button in the Configured Devices area.

The Agilent 1100 Autosampler dialog box appears.

4. Click the **General** tab.

The General page appears. See [Figure 6](#)

5. In the General page, make the appropriate selections:

- Select the **Contact Board Installed** check box.

Note If you do not select the Contact Board Installed check box, the Timed Events page does not appear in the Instrument Setup view for the autosampler.

- In the Stack MAC address box, type the media access control address for your Agilent LC stack.

The stack MAC address is a unique identification for each network card. The manufacturer usually stamps it on the network card.

Note The TCP/IP settings are shared by all Agilent 100 LC modules in the stack. Changing the value of a setting for one module in the Instrument Configuration dialog box changes the value of that setting for all modules in the stack.

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- In the Stack IP Address box, type the IP address for your Agilent 1100 LC stack. Leave the value set to the default or contact your network administrator for the IP address.

The default stack IP address is 172-16-0-102.

- In the Sub-mask box, type the subnet mask (address mask). Leave the subnet mask set to its default value, or contact your network administrator for the subnet mask.

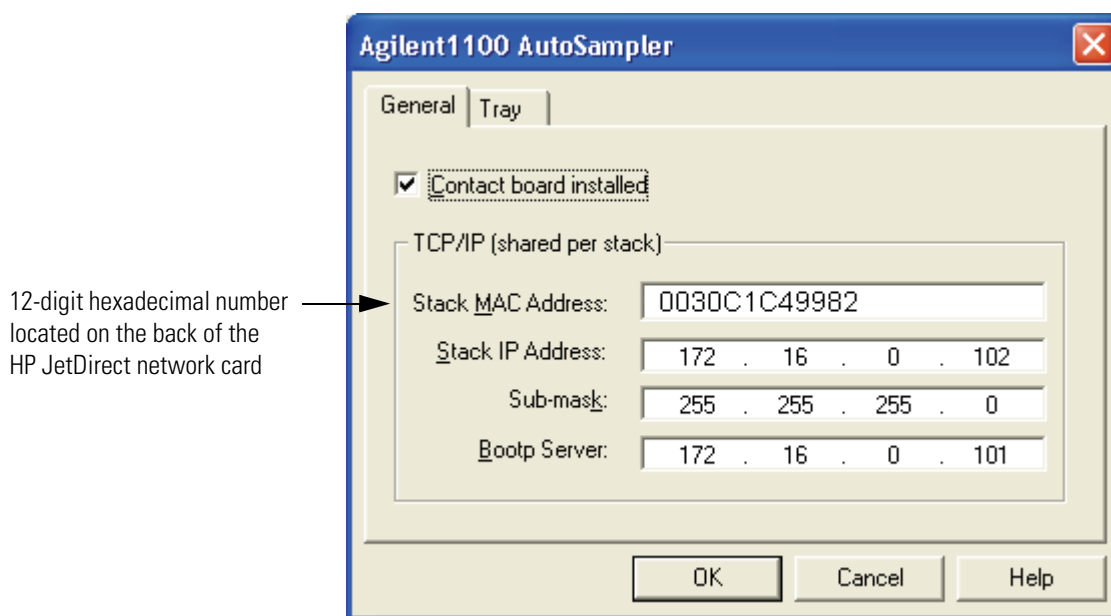
The default subnet mask value is 255-255-255-0.

- In the Bootp Server box, type the IP address for the network card in your PC that is responsible for assigning the stack IP address for your Agilent 1100 LC system. Leave the value set to the default or contact your network administrator for the BOOTP server IP address.

The default IP address for the network card is 172-16-0-101.

6. Click **OK** to save the settings and close the dialog box.

Figure 6. Agilent1100 Autosampler dialog box



7. Click **Done** to exit the Xcalibur Instrument Configuration program.
8. Open the Xcalibur data system before you turn on the devices of your Agilent1100 Series LC stack.

Triggering Data Acquisition with the Autosampler

If you want the Agilent 1100 series autosampler to trigger data acquisition, you must make the appropriate selections in the Timed Events page for the autosampler for each instrument method you create. Instrument methods contain the contact closure signals, the chromatographic conditions, and the MS detector settings for an LC/MS application.

Note Configure the Agilent 1100 Series autosampler before performing the following procedure. Refer to [Chapter 3, “Configuring the Autosampler for Contact Closure,”](#)

❖ To trigger data acquisition with the Agilent 1100 Series autosampler

1. Choose **Start > All Programs > Xcalibur > Xcalibur.**

The Home Page appears.

2. Click the **Instrument Setup** button.

The Instrument Setup window appears.



3. Click the **Agilent 1100 AS** button in the Instrument Setup viewbar located on the left side of the window.

The Instrument Setup view for the Agilent 1100 AS appears.

4. Click the **Timed Events** tab.

The Timed Events page appears.

5. In the Timed Events page, select the appropriate contact closure signal settings as shown in [Figure 7](#).
 - a. Click the Contact 1 box to display the list and select **Closed**.
 - b. Make sure that all the other Contact boxes display **Open**.

Figure 7. Timed Events page for the Agilent 1100 Series autosampler

Initial Conditions		Timed Events			
	Time(min)	Contact 1	Contact 2	Contact 3	Contact 4
1	0.00	Closed	Open	Open	Open
2	1.00	Closed	Open	Open	Open
*	2.00	Open	Open	Open	Open

6. Make the appropriate entries and selections for the rest of the instrument method.

7. Save your method with an appropriate name.
8. Choose **File > Exit** to close the Instrument Setup window. Xcalibur prompts you with the Save As dialog box, the File Summary Information Dialog box, and the File Save - Audit Trail dialog box.

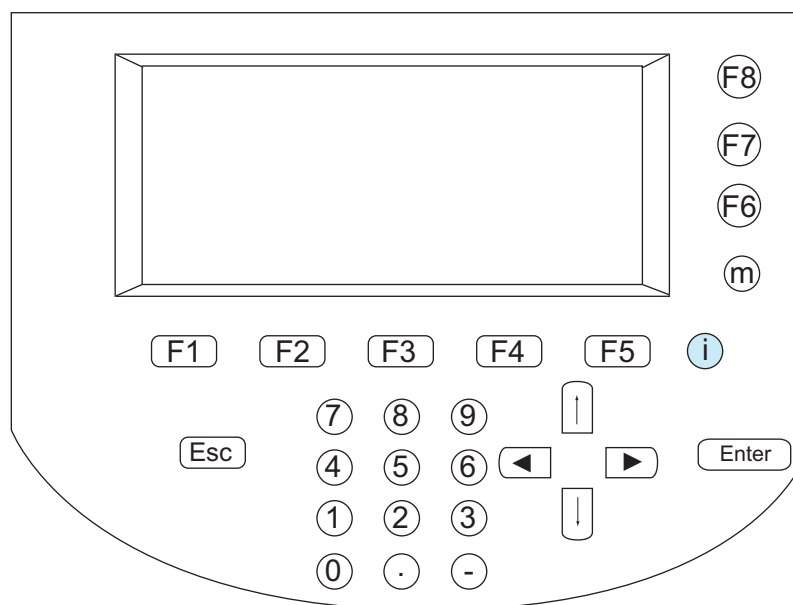
Turning Off the Solvent Tracking Feature

The solvent tracking feature on the Agilent 1100 LC pumps is not supported by Xcalibur at this time. You must turn off this feature to prevent error messages from terminating the data acquisition.

❖ **To turn off the solvent tracking feature on the Agilent 1100 pump**

1. If Xcalibur is open, close it.
2. Open the Analysis screen on the Agilent 1100 handheld control module.
3. Press the Settings button **F1**.

Figure 8. Agilent 1100 handheld control module



4. Press the number corresponding to the pump.
5. Press the Bottle Fillings button **F4**.
6. Set all of the solvent Total boxes to 0.

The solvent Actual boxes are then automatically set to 0.

7. Clear the **Error If Empty** check box by using the right arrow to move the focus to this setting, and then pressing **Enter**.

8. Press the Done button **F6**.

9. From the Windows XP start menu, choose **All Programs > Xcalibur > Xcalibur**.

The Home Page appears.

The Agilent 1100 devices should reconnect and appropriately display their status.

10. If the Info view is not displayed, choose **View > Info View**.

Upgrading an HP 1100 Series LC

The Xcalibur 2.0 and higher data system supports control of the Hewlett-Packard (HP) 1100 Series LC only if you upgrade the HP 1100 communication interface to an Ethernet interface.

❖ To upgrade your HP 1100 Series LC

1. Order the appropriate upgrade parts from your local office for Thermo Electron San Jose products:
 - If the HP 1100 is not interfaced to an MS detector as an Xcalibur-controlled GPIB inlet device, order the JetDirect Ethernet Control kit, which contains the parts listed in [Table 4](#).
 - If the HP 1100 is interfaced to an MS detector as an Xcalibur-controlled GPIB inlet device, order the parts listed in [Table 5](#).

Note An HP 1100 LC system that is currently interfaced to a MS detector as an Xcalibur-controlled GPIB inlet device should have already installed the contact closure PCB and the external contact closure cable. Therefore, you need to order only the parts specified in [Table 5](#).

Table 4. JetDirect Ethernet Control Kit (P/N OPTON 30018)

Part Number	Description of Kit
00012-27714	Contact closure PCB
00012-27716	External contact closure cable
00012-70008	Ethernet 10 Base-T cable (2)
00825-01-00024	10/100 Autosensing 8-port Ethernet switch
00825-01140	HP JetDirect 400N PCB

Table 5. Parts required to upgrade an Xcalibur-controlled HP 1100 Series LC

Part Number	Description of Part
00825-01140	HP JetDirect 400N PCB
00012-70008	Ethernet 10 Base-T cable (2)
00825-01-00024	Ethernet switch

2. Follow the instructions in [“Installing a Network Card in an Agilent Module”](#) on [page 4](#) to install the JetDirect 400N PCB.

Note After the communication interface in the HP 1100 LC system is upgraded to an Ethernet interface, the system is the same as, and will be referred to as, an Agilent 1100 LC system.

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